

**INFORMATIONAL LETER NO. 2106-MC-FFS**

**DATE:** February 25, 2020

**TO:** All Iowa Nursing Facilities (NF)

**APPLIES TO:** Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service(FFS)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF)

**EFFECTIVE:** Upon receipt

The RIIF is the primary funding source for public infrastructure-related expenditures. Iowa Nursing Facilities can request reimbursement for qualifying projects. To qualify for RIIF funding a facility must have: undertaken a complete replacement of a facility, started a new construction, or undertaken a major renovation for the purposes to improve the Life Safety Code requirements or the development of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver services.

There are two options for reimbursements that are available to nursing facilities. One reimbursement option is through the capital cost per diem instant relief add-on per patient days or 85 percent of the facility's estimated licensed capacity. The other reimbursement option is through the enhancement of non-direct care component. A provider seeking assistance under the RIIF program may request both instant relief and the non-direct care component of the funding.

Request for funds under the RIIF are due within 60 days after the department's release of a rate determination to a facility. Rates for July 1, 2019, October 1, 2019, January 1, 2020, and April 1, 2020, were mailed on January 17, 2020, to many providers. Requests for RIIF funds are due the later of:

- 60 days from the date of this notice, or
- 60 days from the rate notification for facilities that have not yet received notification.

A facility must submit a written request to the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, Provider Cost Audit and Rate Setting Unit, describing, in detail, which component they are intending to apply for and the project in depth. Iowa Administrative Code [441 Chapter 81.6 \(16\)h](#)<sup>1</sup> and [Chapter 249k](#)<sup>2</sup> explain additional requirements to be met.

Request should be submitted to:

Iowa Medicaid Enterprise  
Provider Cost Audit  
P.O. Box 36450  
Des Moines, IA 50309

An electronic copy of request can be submitted to [costaudit@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:costaudit@dhs.state.ia.us). If you have additional questions, please contact IME Provider Cost Audit at 866-863-8610.

Due to managed care, the RIIF program will be paid using state only funds. As such, each facility requesting funds must request an exception to policy (ETP) to the rule found in 441 IAC § 81.6(16)h, *Capital cost per diem instant relief add-on and enhanced non-direct care rate component limit*, to be paid on a percentage basis of all approved requests.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/rule/02-12-2020.441.81.6.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ico/chapter/249K.pdf>